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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Davis – Police Officers Attacked on Picnic Day

(U) Three men were arrested following an attack on Davis police officers who encountered a group of people blocking traffic on a busy roadway during 22 April's Picnic Day at UC Davis. Three Davis police officers traveling in an unmarked police vehicle encountered a large group of people in the roadway, blocking traffic. As the officers got out of the car and began to identify themselves as police, two officers were attacked by several people and beaten on the ground. Police reported that the officers were kicked and punched in the head, and one officer was struck on the side of the head with a bottle. Two of the officers were taken to the Sutter Davis Hospital emergency room for treatment. One suffered injuries to his eye and face, and the other was treated for a bleeding head wound caused by a bottle.

SOURCE: 24 April 2017, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Oakland – BART Passengers Robbed by 40 to 60 Youths

(U) Investigators on 24 April were reviewing videotape from the Oakland Coliseum BART station, where a mob of 40 to 60 youths robbed train passengers on 22 April, punching some of them. At least seven people on a Dublin-bound train and the platform were targeted, and two victims suffered injuries to their heads and faces and had to be treated by paramedics. Some victims were apparently punched but no guns or other weapons were seen, authorities said. No detailed descriptions of the suspects were released and no arrests were reported. BART reported all the suspects were minors but did not give an age range.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Watchdog Reports Anti-Semitic Acts Spiked Since Trump Election Win

(U) Washington – Anti-Semitic incidents, from bomb threats and cemetery desecration to assaults and bullying, have surged in the United States since the election of President Donald Trump, and a "heightened political atmosphere" played a role in the rise, the Anti-Defamation League said on 24 April. A sharp increase in the harassment of American Jews, including double the incidents of bullying of schoolchildren and vandalism at non-denominational grade schools, was cited in the ADL's "Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents." Overall, the number of acts targeting Jews and Jewish institutions rose 34 percent in 2016 to 1,266 in 2016 and jumped 86 percent in the first quarter of 2017, the ADL said.

SOURCE: 24 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nevada – Jury Convicts Two Bundy Supporters in Armed Standoff with Federal Authorities

(U) Las Vegas – A Nevada jury found two supporters of cattle rancher Cliven Bundy guilty yesterday of charges stemming from an armed standoff with federal authorities in 2014 but deadlocked over charges against four other men. Gregory Burleson and Todd Engel, two of six Bundy supporters on trial Monday, were convicted of obstruction of justice and interstate travel in aid of extortion in a case that came to symbolize tensions in the American West over the federal ownership of land. Burleson also was found guilty of firearms charges and threatening and assault of a federal officer. The six, who prosecutors said

were associated with or had been in contact with militia groups, each face 10 counts related to the standoff at Bundy's property about 75 miles northeast of Las Vegas. They were charged with offenses including conspiracy against the government, conspiracy to impede a federal officer, assault, threatening and obstruction of justice.

SOURCE: 24 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) New Jersey – City Hall Computers Hacked with Ransomware

(U) Newark – Some computers in the City of Newark have been infected with ransomware, rendering them unusable, and the hacker is demanding payment of 24 Bitcoin, or about \$30,000 in ransom. City computers were infected with RSA-2048 encryption, which encrypts computer files, such as Word and Excel files, picture files and virtually any other type of file that runs on a desktop computer. The Chief Information Officer for Newark confirmed that some computers were hit with a "virus" and reported the city has been working closely with state and federal law enforcement "to address the present emergency and better prepare ourselves for the future."

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [TAPinto](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Top US General in Afghanistan Sees Russia Sending Weapons to Taliban

(U) Kabul – The head of US and international forces in Afghanistan said yesterday he was "not refuting" reports that Russia was providing support, including weapons, to the Taliban. For some time, American officials have complained of what Nicholson once called "malign influence" by Russia in Afghanistan, but Monday's comments are among the strongest suggestions yet that Moscow is providing arms to the Taliban. Russia has previously denied providing any material or financial aid to the insurgent group, but has said it maintains ties with Taliban officials in order to push for peace negotiations. A senior US military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters that intelligence showed that Russia was providing monetary and weapons support to the Taliban, specifically weapons such as machine guns. The supply of weapons has accelerated in the past 18 months, the official said.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) France – Russia-Linked Hackers Targeted Macron Campaign

(U) Paris – Researchers with the Japanese anti-virus firm Trend Micro say the campaign of French presidential front-runner Emmanuel Macron has been targeted by Russia-linked hackers, adding more details to previous suggestions that the centrist politician was being singled out for electronic eavesdropping by the Kremlin. Trend Micro said it discovered the campaign by monitoring the creation of rogue, lookalike websites often used by hackers to trick victims into giving up their passwords. The Tokyo-based firm recently detected four Macron-themed fake domains being set up on digital infrastructure used by a group it calls Pawn Storm. At least one of the sites had recently been used as part of an attempt to steal campaign staffers' online credentials.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Searching For Stolen Radioactive Material

(U) Mexico City – An unknown amount of stolen radioactive material has prompted an alert in nine Mexican states, the head of national emergency services said yesterday. The alert and search for the stolen material covers the states of Jalisco, Colima, Nayarit, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, Michoacan San Luis Potosi, Durango and Zacatecas. Stolen or lost radioactive material has on several occasions been reported in Mexico, most recently early last year when a container of radioactive substance used for industrial X-rays, a method of non-destructive testing, was taken along with a car.

SOURCE: 24 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Spain – Authorities Arrest Nine Suspects Tied to Brussels Attacks

(U) Catalonia – Police in northeastern Spain arrested nine suspected members of a jihadi group today in raids that might help resolve recent deadly attacks in Belgium and France. Police said the arrested were one Spaniard and eight Moroccans living in Catalonia between 30 and 40 years old. A regional police spokeswoman said at least four of the detained are suspected of being linked to people arrested following the 2016 Brussels airport and subway attacks that killed 32 people and wounded 300 others. A regional police spokesman reported four of the detained were clearly members the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). He said the arrests could help solve investigations into attacks in France and Belgium. SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – US Sanctions Hundreds of Employees of Syrian Research Center

(U) Damascus – The United States blacklisted 271 employees of a Syrian government agency it said was responsible for developing chemical weapons, weeks after a poison gas attack killed scores of people in a rebel-held province in Syria. Some of the people blacklisted had worked on Syria's chemical weapons program for more than five years. The sanction orders US banks to freeze the assets of any employees named, and bans American companies from conducting business with them. SOURCE: 24 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

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